

isations to those of the labourer, of which the
 1889 Dock
 Strike was the portent To these chapters,
 the student
 of nineteenth century history will, despite all
 that has
 been written since, continue to go back
 Nowhere else
 is the story told with anything like the same
 vigour, the
 same inside knowledge, the same power of
 detaching the
 lastingly significant, the same courage in
 criticism In
 the final chapter, the Trade Union world of 1890
 is sketched
 in. The toil that lies behind this chapter may
 well make
 the student of to-day bow his head in shame of
 his own
 famt-heartedness In 1894, statistics of Trade
 Union
 membership, as of its distribution locally, had to
 be collected
ad hoc, by the investigators, the Webbs had
 to, and in
 effect did, take their own Census There were
 then, no
 official figures even of the numbers of manual
 workers
 Of the toil involved, the tremendous
 Appendix, in the
 shape of a bibliography of over forty very
 closely printed
 pages, gives no adequate idea

In the concluding paragraph of this first
 volume, the
 authors state

"We have endeavoured to confine ourselves to a
 statement of
 facts in such detail as is necessary for any
 understanding of the
 Trade Union movement We have purposely
 refrained from
 summing up those facts, either in the course of
 the narrative or
 in a final chapter Throughout this volume, we
 have avoided
 arguing whether the numerous conflicts and
 temporary successes
 of various bodies of organised workmen have or
 have not resulted
 in a permanent and progressive elevation of the
 Standard of Life,

either of particular sections or of the whole class of wage-earners
Nor have we attempted to discuss the intricate problems presented by the existence of a sectional organisation by trades in the midst of a community of non-Unionists. On these points we have, in the course of our investigations, formed definite opinions. To state and justify our views would involve a detailed analysis of the actual workings of Trade combinations."

To this "detailed analysis" the first half of *Industrial Democracy*, published three years later, is devoted. For it,